



MEMORANDUM
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors
DATE: May 3, 2016
FROM: David Boesch, County Executive Officer
By: John McEldowney, Emergency Services Program Manager
SUBJECT: Proclamation Recognizing May 7, 2016, as Wildfire Community Preparedness Day 2016

ACTION REQUESTED

Proclaim May 7, 2016, as Wildfire Community Preparedness Day 2016

BACKGROUND

Placer County has a well-documented history of wildfire risk which is increased in both probability and severity by the drought and associated tree mortality, which is adversely impacting Wildland Urban Interface areas across the entire State of California. Residents in areas with a potential for wildfires can take a proactive measure to reduce the risk and severity of wildfires and reduce deaths, injuries and property losses through their preparedness efforts. A dedicated day that engages communities in focusing on activities that create awareness, education and action have the potential to make significant differences before, during and after a wildfire. Proactive actions from a single individual, or entire neighborhood, contributes to a safer community when wildfires happen.

The residents of Placer County can become local champions through committing a couple of hours, or an entire day to improving their property's defensibility and resiliency and contributes towards Placer County becoming a more fire adapted community. All residents throughout Placer County are encouraged to participate in Wildfire Community Preparedness Day.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day 2016 Proclamation

**IN THE MATTER OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 7, 2016, AS
WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY 2016**

WHEREAS, Placer County has a well-documented history of wildfire risk which is increased in both probability and severity by the drought and associated tree mortality; and is adversely impacting Wildland Urban Interface areas across the entire State of California, and

WHEREAS, residents in areas with a potential for wildfires can take proactive measures to reduce the risk and severity of wildfires and reduce deaths, injuries and property losses through their preparedness efforts; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated day that engages communities in focusing on activities that create awareness, education and action have the potential to make significant differences before, during and after a wildfire; and

WHEREAS, proactive actions from a single individual, or entire neighborhood, contributes to a safer community when wildfires happen; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Placer County can become local champions through committing a couple of hours, or an entire day to improving their property's defensibility and resiliency; and contributes towards Placer County becoming a more fire adapted community; and

WHEREAS, all residents throughout Placer County are encouraged to participate in Wildfire Community Preparedness Day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the above PROCLAMATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, at a regular meeting held, May 3, 2016, proclaiming the day of May 7, 2016 as WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY.

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